

STRIKE FAILS TO CAUSE STR IN THIS CITY

It may seem a curious fact, but it is nevertheless a fact, that official Washington is less concerned about the great steel strike which began yesterday than about the domestic upheaval of national proportions in many years, says J. Fred Essany in today's Baltimore Sun.

In ordinary situations of this sort, he continues, the administration at this hour would be working frantically in a desperate effort to save the country from an industrial disaster, and all the forces of the Federal Government would be concentrated upon the conflicting elements, trying to bring them together in some sort of a compromise.

It is easy to recall that when the brotherhood strike on the railroads impended just before the war Washington was in a near panic for days and weeks; that the Government dropped consideration of all else in order to intervene, and Congress itself passed a law dictated by the brotherhood officers fixing the eight-hour day as the basis of all working time upon American railroads.

Lucius Cawson Winder, Although the steel strike is not as vital as a general railroad strike would be, it is conceivable that the suspension of the steel mills of the country—even those of the United States Steel Corporation—for long periods of time, might plunge the nation into a chaotic state from a purely industrial standpoint. There is scarcely a line of business on the continent that would not be affected directly or indirectly.

It may be a matter of some wonder, therefore, why at such a time as this the President stands in the Far West making league of nations speeches. The cabinet is not sitting and no members of that body are making any particular effort to avert the troubles which are ahead. Congress has shown but little interest in the matter, but immediate investigation by the Senate Labor Committee of the steel workers' strike is proposed in a resolution by Senator Kenyon.

For Fight to Finish. The general attitude in Washington today seems to be that this clash between the employer and employee in the steel industry is inevitable and that now is as good a time as any for the two great forces to fight the thing out. The issue must be met and is now being met, and as Washington views the matter, it is up to those whose fortunes are most immediately affected to go to the mat without interference from any source.

And this is the attitude that has happened. The steel mill owners and their employees have now locked horns in a great contest. For a while the President hoped that by intervening he might ease the way toward adjustment of the difficulties. But more recently it is evident that he gave the job up. At all events he did not feel justified in postponing his speaking trip because of the threatened labor troubles.

He must have known what was coming, for his information came from the most possible sources. And he must have realized what losses would ensue if a strike developed. And the fact that he gave up the case and left town to fight for his peace treaty even while the strike clouds were gathering overhead, shows that he felt the futility of intervening further in the situation.

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THE LADIES MEET TO OUTLINE THE PROGRAM OF THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE COMING SEASON.

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By Goldberg

SUES SUITOR WHOSE SUIT SHE SLASHED

Baltimore Girl Asks \$100,000 of Swain Wore Clothes She Cut Up.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 22.—The declaration was filed in the city court yesterday by Miss Helen M. Powell against Henry D. Swain, in which Miss Powell claims \$100,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry. Henry D. Swain and Webster S. Blades are Miss Powell's attorneys.

Miss Powell, an attractive blonde, nineteen years old, was arrested several weeks ago for cutting up the clothes of her suitor. The declaration in very brief and merely states that she and Daimperfield agreed to marry and that Daimperfield had promised to give her \$100,000. She refused to carry out the agreement, although she is willing.

At the time the suit was filed Miss Powell said she and Daimperfield had occupied an apartment on Guilford avenue for several weeks after he had declared his love for her and had proposed to her. She said that the clothes-cutting followed a disagreement between them. The suit was brought by Miss Powell the day after she was released on bail for court at the northern police station.

11 DAYS WITHOUT FOOD AFTER STORM

Hurricane Survivors Rescued From Island After Long Fight Against Death.

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 22.—Eleven days without food or water, twelve survivors of the recent hurricane huddled in a lighthouse on North Florida Cay, a small island in the Florida straits, which was swept clean of every vestige of human habitation during the storm, were rescued yesterday by a submarine chaser, which brought back a story of devastation and human suffering unsurpassed by any that has come from the storm area.

Huge waves sweeping over the island and carried away graves containing the bodies of former inhabitants, it was reported, swept all five stock into the sea and destroyed other food supplies, leaving the inhabitants, whose only hope of survival lay in the improbability of the lighthouse being struck, to starve absolutely.

GARY'S FOES TO SIT AT COUNCIL TABLE

The steel strike will be the first matter brought before the President's industrial conference, in the opinion of Samuel Gompers. This was disclosed yesterday by Mr. Gompers' associates while discussing the committee he had appointed to represent labor in the conference. Before the conference can discuss plans for industrial peace, they pointed out, it must first discuss the settlement of what may develop into the greatest industrial battle in the history of the country.

Yesterday Gompers appointed M. F. Tighe, of the Amalgamated Association of Steel, Iron and Tin Workers, one of the strike leaders, to sit in the conference as one of labor's representatives. This is significant in view of the fact that the President has invited Judge E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, to take part in the conference as a representative of the public.

With the strike's representatives will sit Samuel Gompers and other members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. Should the steel trust head accept the President's invitation, he will find himself in a conference with representatives of the strikers, whose position will be supported by the entire executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Even the conservative leaders here now predict that the strike may assume such proportions that industry throughout the country will be paralyzed. To quote one American Federation of Labor official, "labor is united in one mighty drive to destroy the power of the steel trust."

RAZE NAVY HOUSES, CRY D. C. CITIZENS

Members of the Lincoln Park Citizens' Association will discuss the disposition of the fourteen concrete buildings on Potomac avenue and E street southeast, built during the recent war by the Government for the purpose of housing employees of the navy gun factory of the Washington navy yard, when the organization is called together next week by the president, Ray L. Smith.

The association will urge that the Government dispose of them as soon as possible. It is said that the ground on which the buildings were erected was never bought by the Government, which Prof. D. A. Edwards, one of the members of the Lincoln Park Citizens' Association, believes will make the situation more complex.

DENY WOMAN IS "WEAKER VESSEL"

Female Physicians Say That High-Heeled Shoes Hamper Feminine Development.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Differences between men and women are largely artificial, contends the International Conference of Women Physicians, now in session here.

Dr. Clelia Doccher, of Palo Alto, Cal., yesterday elaborated on the idea that if woman were allowed a proper development she would be as strong as a man of the same physical proportions.

The second week of the conference opened with the main topic "Minimizing Feminine Handicaps."

The handicaps cited ranged from the traditional man's attitude toward the supposedly weaker sister to the crippled restrictions of modern dress. Ancient fetishes and the high-heeled shoe were given equal value as impediments to feminine development.

Under the subject, "Strength and Endurance," Dr. Dasher said:

"Woman's efficiency, individually, economically, and racially, has been tremendously lessened by the over-emphasis of sex."

TO BE TRADE COMMISSIONER. President Wilson has sent to the Senate the nomination of Houston Thompson, of Colorado, to be a Federal trade commissioner. This is a reappointment.

SCORES PRESIDENT FOR TAKING GIFTS

Came Back Loaded With Presents From Crowned Heads, Says Penrose.

Senator Penrose, Republican of Pennsylvania, declared in the Senate yesterday that President Wilson and his party brought back from the Paris Peace Conference jewels and other gifts from "crowned heads" which he had been told were worth more than \$1,000,000.

Interrupting a speech by Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, who said that in 1810 it had been proposed to prohibit acceptance of gifts from foreign rulers by the President, Senator Penrose asked if the Arizona Senator had in mind gifts made to President Wilson while in Europe.

"I know nothing of that," Senator Ashurst replied. "But if any Democrat accepted such gifts he would receive my condemnation as quickly as if he were a Republican."

"I have been told that the President and his party came back overburdened with presents from crowned heads and foreign governments," Senator Penrose said. "There was jewelry valued at hundreds of thousands and I was told that customs authorities valued the gifts at more than \$1,000,000."

HOME OF MAJ. COOK DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire of unknown origin yesterday was discovered in the attic of the home of Maj. C. Fred Cook, U. S. A., 3418 Thirty-fourth place northwest, Cleveland Park. Damage is estimated by the police at \$2,000.

The flames had gained considerable headway before the arrival of No. 28 Engine Company. The second floor of the house was damaged by flames, while the first floor was flooded with water.

Major Cook is in New York, but was notified of the fire by wire last night. His wife is with relatives at Berryville, Va.

Before entering the service Major Cook was news editor on a local newspaper. He has recently returned from overseas.

PLANS FOR CENSUS TAKING UNDER WAY

Samuel L. Rogers, director of the Census Bureau, has announced that the Census Bureau is "all set" for the beginning of the task of taking the enrollment of the United States in 1920.

All but a few of the supervisors for the various census districts have been appointed and the selection of the thousands of army enumerators is well under way. The "grind" will begin January 2, and nearly 90,000 persons will be engaged in "taking stock" of Uncle Sam's large family.

The field force will consist of about 85,000, and about 5,000 will be stationed in Washington to take care of the statistical work. One of the large temporary buildings recently vacated by the War Department will be utilized by the Bureau during the census taking.

TRAP 3 WHO STOLE VALUABLE POUCH

Thieves, Aided by Postal Clerk, Took Standard Oil Money From Mails.

OPPOSE DETAILS OF FORESTRY PLAN

"Politics always plays havoc with forestry," says R. S. Kellogg, secretary of the News Print Service Bureau, in a signed article in the American Forestry magazine, opening the national-wide discussion as to what a national forest policy shall comprise.

Leading the discussion, Col. Henry S. Graves, U. S. forester, sets forth his "nine points" and the discussion is also taken up by Alfred Gaskill, state forester of New Jersey, and George H. Wirt, chief forest fire warden of Pennsylvania, whose opinions are seconded by Robert S. Conklin, commissioner of forestry for Pennsylvania. Following an editorial in the Times some time ago the discussion has been taken up all over the country.

"All agree," says Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry Association, "that a national forest policy is needed and for that reason the association calls for a national-wide discussion of the greatest economic problem of reconstruction. War has made great inroads in our supply of timber. Some things must be done and done now."

Mr. Kellogg announces he is unable to approve of most of the "nine points" set forth by Colonel Graves. He says:

"After giving the matter very serious consideration, I am unable to approve most of the nine provisions set forth in Forester Graves' statement. The principle of legislation requiring the practice of forestry on private lands, I don't believe it is either practical or expedient to compel the practice of forestry upon private lands through the interstate commerce provisions of the Constitution. First, because the attempt to accomplish desirable reforms through indirect means has twice failed down; and second, because a coercive program of this sort would immediately alienate a large proportion of the timberland."

"In my judgment it is not practicable to line up all the timber states in the multitude of details of that program of 'mandatory forestry' required. Even in the one single matter of forest taxation little progress has been made after years of agitation. How much longer will it take to make progress in matters in which forestry has twice failed down; and owners are in opposition?"

"Politics always plays havoc with forestry. There would be no limit to the trouble that would result were forestry made compulsory upon the private owner through enactment and regulation by Congress and forty legislatures."

WOULD SELL U. S. SHIPS GRADUALLY

Merchant Marine Association Urges Immediate Disposal of Small Vessels, However.

A merchant marine policy contemplating gradual relinquishment to private ownership of the large vessels of the Government-built fleet and immediate sale of the smaller vessels has been formulated by the executive committee of the National Merchant Marine Association. It was announced today by Edward R. Burling, chairman of the committee. Recommendations of the committee, it was said, will be submitted to the association's council of forty-five members for adoption and presentation to Congress as a proposed guide in the enactment of legislation.

Believing that the immediate sale of all ships to private operators is "not only undesirable but impractical," the committee recommends that the large steel vessels be sold only as the development of private firms might warrant, with the sale of such ships confined to American firms and made at current world market prices. Immediate disposal of the smaller vessels is recommended, however, without restriction as to purchasers.

ASKS FOR \$200,000 TO COMPLETE KEY BRIDGE

An estimated appropriation of \$200,000 for completion of the Key bridge across the Potomac river at Georgetown, is requested of Congress by the Treasury Department in a message sent to the Vice President. The appropriation was requested through General Black, of the engineer department.

YANK, JUST WED, LEAPS INTO SEA

Soldier, With French Bride Aboard Transport, Ends Life in Ocean.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A tragedy that marred the voyage of La Lorraine to this port was the suicide of Raymond Higgins, a young Chicago doughboy on his way home after serving with the army in France. He was married in St. Nazaire and was bringing his bride home. The vessel arrived here yesterday.

On the night of the 17th, when the ship was in midocean, Higgins ran to the after end of the liner and within sight of many of the passengers jumped into the sea. Captain Street stopped the ship, and aided by signal lights, searched the sea for an hour. No trace of Higgins was found. His wife, who is nineteen years old, said that with her husband had gone 2,000 francs, and that he had left her only five francs.

George A. Kessler, who was a passenger, started a collection for the widow with \$500, and before she came ashore he handed her \$2,000 which sympathetic fellow passengers had contributed.

URGES MORE MONEY FOR HURT WORKERS

Men Injured In Industrial Accidents Underpaid, Says Dr. Meeker.

TORONTO, Sept. 22.—Bigger payments, under industrial compensation laws to injured workmen and their families were urged here today by Dr. Royal Meeker, United States labor statistics commissioner, at the opening session of the annual convention of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions.

Men hurt in industrial accidents should receive at least 75 per cent of their earnings until they are well again, Meeker said. The maximum payment, he declared, should be \$30 a week, and the minimum \$12.

"Not one compensation law in the United States and Canada is 50 per cent adequate," said Meeker.

Chairman Charles S. Andrews, of the Illinois Industrial Commission, took issue with Meeker's proposal for a uniform compensation act.

WIFE'S LOST LOVE VALUED AT \$20,000

Hubby Seeks Balm From Alleged Corespondent After Filing Divorce Suit.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 22.—The suit for absolute divorce, on statutory grounds instituted by William Samler against his wife, Evelyn H. Samler, in the circuit court last May, was followed by a suit brought in the superior court yesterday by Dr. Samler against Dr. M. M. Aaronson, the alleged corespondent in the divorce case, to recover \$20,000 damages for alleged improper intimacy with Mrs. Samler and alienation of her affections. Robert A. Piper is Dr. Samler's attorney.

SENATE COMMITTEE O. K.'S DEFENSE PACT

The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday reported favorably on the tentative agreement of the proposed special defense treaty with France.

The report paves the way for consideration of the treaty by the Foreign Relations Committee, which has not yet taken it up. This committee plans, members said today, to defer action probably until the German treaty has been disposed of.

FIVE SLIGHTLY HURT IN TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Five persons were slightly injured yesterday and last night as the result of traffic accidents.

Joseph Bingham, 1116 First street northwest, was struck yesterday by a motorcycle, said, by the police, to have been operated by John Goodrich, 618 G street southwest, at Seventh street and Mt. Vernon place northwest. Bingham was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where he suffered a laceration on the leg, but refused hospital treatment.

While riding a bicycle on Massachusetts avenue, near North Capitol street, last night, William Grieb, 819 D street northeast, was struck by an automobile. He was taken to Casualty Hospital suffering from slight injuries.

Marie Schwartz, seven years old, 814 D street northeast, suffered slight injuries to the right knee yesterday, as the result of being struck by an automobile while near her home.

SOCIALIST SCORNS BELGIAN ROYALTY

"To Hell With Kings," Says Hoan, Refusing to Invite Albert to Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22.—Mayor Hoan, Milwaukee's Socialist city head, scorns association with kings. So far does he carry his opinions regarding royalists that he has refused to invite King Albert of Belgium to visit the town made famous by brews of higher power than 2.75 per cent.

"I stand for the man who works. To hell with the kings," writes the belligerent mayor in a letter to A. T. Vanscoy, president of the Milwaukee Association of Commerce, refusing to invite Albert and Queen Elisabeth to the Great City.

Mayor Hoan's letter in part reads as follows:

"Please do not ask me to invite any king, kaiser, or czar. The people of Milwaukee in choosing a mayor do not require of him a forfeiture of self-respect.

"Did they not know that socialists refused to hobnob with Prince Henry and royalty before my election?"

"While I mean no disrespect to the Belgian people, whom I love, nor do I stand for you, yet these are days that try men's souls. We must take our place with kings, their golden plates and satellites, or line up with the rights of common man."

"I should go to my grave in everlasting shame were I to host one iota the stock of any king. Mr. Van Scoy, remind your associates that I stand for the man who works. To hell with the kings!"

TEN MILLION KISSES IN BALM SUIT NOTE

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Florence Callanan yesterday submitted to the Supreme Court a bill of particulars in her breach of contract of marriage action against Daniel M. Looney. His residence is in the southwestern part of the United States, but at the time he courted her she says, he was stopping at the Hotel Hermitage in this city.

She submitted copies of love letters which she says Looney wrote her and which were published in the New York American August 10. In one letter, she was sent "ten million kisses." Looney in answer makes a denial.

CITED TO PROVE CURATIVE POWER OF ELECTRIC BELT

The Federal Trade Commission today called upon the Electric Appliance Company, of Burlington, Kas., to appear October 27 with proof of its statements that its electric belts "are prescribed and recommended by leading doctors of the United States and will preserve the health."

The commission acted upon complaint of the Electric Appliance Company, of Chicago, which complained that the Burlington concern has been using a similar name without making clear it is a different concern.

TRIAL DATE FOR KIASER HELD UP

Will Not Be Definitely Announced Until Three of Allies Sign Treaty.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The exact time of the trial of the ex-kaiser will not be fixed until three of the allied powers ratify the peace treaty, according to the parliamentary lobbyist correspondent of the Daily Express today. Until that time, points out the writer, reported dates of the trial will be merely speculative.

TO ANNOUNCE PLAYGROUND PLAN

C. W. Donaldson, director of boys' activities, has nearly completed his summer schedule of playground activities. Media will be awarded within the next few weeks.

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